

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-43 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-21 and 38-43 to Group I as being drawn to a fuel stack assembly, and the Examiner restricted claims 22-37 to Group II as being drawn to a method of assembling a fuel cell.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-21 and 38-43 of Group I. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 22-37 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

**Claims 1 and 10.**

Additionally, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to reflect correction of typographical errors. No new subject matter has been added.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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